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GLENALLA,

RAY,

LETTERKENNY,

CO. DONEGAL.

Sunday.

Dearest Mrs Kirkling,

Thank you very much for two letters; the first one did not seem to need an answer -

As to the fore word in the essay - What about Sir Richard Livingstone? He is interested in Education & does know something at least about P.N.E.U. even if he has not read the essay. Mrs. Franklin suggests Sir John Innes - now at the Coal Board, & says she will approach him if you agree -

I do not think Col. Temple a good suggestion because he is not connected primarily with Education

Alas! our lovely holiday is nearing its end - we cross on Wednesday & return to Henfield on Thursday -

You asked me once who was the Francis who came to Henfield - His name was Father Oswald - a man of about 60 but looking much younger.

Mrs Franklin sends you her love, but Dora is not downstairs yet!

Much love from Helen.

Notes for The May 12PICMCH24

TELEPHONE:
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LITTLE BERWICK,
BRIDPORT,
DORSET.

March 29. 53

My dearest Miss Kitching
Thanks you very
much for your letter and
for letting me see the one
from Mary H. How glad
I am that she is to be
Warden of the Conference
House, it will give her
a home as well as a
grand field of work with
young people & old.

I plan to come to
see you & am beginning
to wonder if the Summer
holidays would be a good
time? I have such happy

memories of two visits
to Low Hook in August or
very early September. What
do you think? Or should
we stay together at Rydal?

I was glad to see
Mrs B's letter too & to
know that the visit is
happily arranged. I hope
Eileen will welcome it in her
heart of hearts & that all
will go well.

Are you going to
Rydal for Easter? I expect
so.

Very much love
Your loving
Essex

The proofs have come and as I
have nothing to add I have destroyed
them.

Little Bernice
Bridport

Good Friday

Dearest Miss Kitching

I am delighted to have
this Easter present - just what I
needed. It is very understanding
of my dear F & P to know felt wants
without any expression of them.
Thank you ever so much. I have
very much enjoyed the account of
Southwell winter & it brought
back a sunny afternoon in May
when Father, Aunt May & I drove
there from Dovedale. What beauti-
ful photographs. The whole
place is so full of light and the
photos give that effect.

How lovely to be at
Rydal together for a week! How
would it be if we had a week
together at Ambleside (El either
with Mrs Faulkner or at Low Woods)
& then we went together to Rydals
for the second week? Any thing

your plan will be just what I would like. As you say, it seems a long way away but as it is now Easter & Christmas was only last week, I expect it is nearer than it seems.

I will certainly get "Windows for the Crown Prince". I have just finished "A Sprinkling of Islands" by Grimble, have you come across it? So good & amusing about his early services in the Gilbert Islands & the people of those islands are beautifully described - a real travel book.

"The Betsy Trotwood hamlets" is a great find. Isn't it wonderful that there are no "village idiots" left. Do you remember them? The last I saw was in Wales when I was sixteen. Every village had one or two, poor things. All loving thoughts at Easter
Your loving Essex.

Little Bernice
Bridport
Dorset

Apr 11. 53

Dearest Miss Kitching

What a very satisfactory letter from Mrs Taylor, thanks you very much for a copy & also for letting me see yours to Mrs F.

I hope you are happily looking at dippers and enjoying a change of company at Rydal. I heard a cuckoo yesterday & saw 3 swallows today but Oh how cold it is, the cuckoo is silent today - no wonder.

We are in a great mess being redecorated but by such an excellent gang of workmen who all live in the valley & who all work hard. At the moment the kitchen requires

are evacuated & left to their
mercies so we cook on a little
electric affair in the dining room
& quite enjoy the picnic.

We hope to see V.L. next
week who is passing this way
& Marion Berry may come
over from Swanage too. I
wonder if any old students
will look in on you.

Much love always

Essex.

Little Bowwick

Bridport

Dorset

May 6. 03

Dearest Miss Kitching

This is just a personal note in answer to yours to say that I shall be delighted to go to dear Mrs. Faulkner again & much prefer her company to other Ambleaders. We have such fun together & she is a real friend. What would be nice would be if she could give me the top back room overlooking the Knoll because it is so quiet. Am really very strong again except in the eye which is still troublesome in cold winds or when I am tired. I find

batting it in milk is quite
magic & so simple.

Anytime in August after
the Bank Holiday is equally
good for me.

Very much Love
Essex.

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E. KIRKHAM

Low Noon

AMSTERDAM

9. 5. 1953

Dear Mr. Norman

I am most grateful to you for
undertaking the choice of advertisements for the cover
with Mr. Norman. You will know best what will act as
attracting sale for the book. Yr. ans 31.

If it is possible to have the printed sheets back it
should be grateful as most are out of print now.

Also may I be allowed to include your
 reference to Rini Marini books on page 15 of the
 Centenary P. R. I am thinking that the notes
 which I send a copy will make a good foreword
 in the book. - something permanent when the packet
 is worn off. I am asking the opinion also
 of the sub. Committee, but should like your opinion
 too. I am writing to me or two people - W. T. Jackson -
 Colonel Temple but otherwise I do not find it

Easy to ask P

Little Bernice
Bridport
Dorset.

May 10. 53

Dearest Miss Kitebung

I have not yet thanked you for the copy of your letter to Mrs Haughton explaining the difference between reprinting (Hoywell) and republication (Dents). It is beautifully clear & I would like to keep this copy for future reference. If I may.

Your letter of May 7th has just come. It is excellent that Mr Bogman will choose passages from reviews. I wonder if Mr B. would consider Col. Temple as taking "part in current discussions". Would Helen Livingstone's Father write a short foreword? I think he might. (Good for him to reread the "Philosophy" !!)

The more I think about the CMCA, the more limited in outlook it seems to be - It is now a purely teaching association and as Mrs Mason's students increasingly drop out it will be an assoc. of these polyglot trained CMC's & who knows what they will think of the books in 25 years time?

Also the Assoc. is purely feminine which I mistrust.

The Council seems to me to be a body which (under different Chairmanships) could be dignified, alive, & responsible.

I distrust the Students Memorial fund & am not contributing to it. Am I unfair? The "processional Cross" did it, no doubt!

Very much love
Yours loving
Essex

Little Bernice
Bridport
Dorset.

May 13. 83.

My dearest Miss Kitching

I feel rather bad about asking Mrs. Faulkner to put me up in August when she is so full. If she can give me the back top room I shall be perfectly happy however full the house is. Tell her I like meeting her other visitors & chatting with them & sharing a table. I don't mind plugs pulling next door either!!! can always sleep through any noise that I expect. The trouble is that I am only able to be away for ten days in June & this is already planned by the 3 Plowden families very neatly - so it would mean putting them all off & also not getting our full fortnight together. But there is another thing too. I don't feel I can face the term time zigzag-juggle this year.

Usually before I come I make the list

A.C.D. Maud M. Helen Livingstone
Mademoiselle, Miss Hugman, Straub
Gertrude, Margery, Mary Yates.

I do like a walk at least with
each. One has to be feeling
very active & strong for so much
company & as a rule it is all
very pleasant but not this

year. Gertrude, Maud, Margery
& Mary Y. would be quite enough
or even just a selection of them!

Isn't it horrid! Do, let's try for
2nd or 3rd week of August the
sooner the better.

Yes we are springing up
from the roots & you must not
lose heart if a small slug
tries to nibble a leaf or two

"Slug death" is the answer for that.

Your very loving
Essex.

50, PORCHESTER TERRACE, W. 2.

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14.5.53

My dearest Kit Kit

I came home at 10pm after
a lovely lovely month to a mass of tiresome
business of many kinds so excuse a short
note.

I think your idea of having the messages printed
excellent

I very much hope you will not ask Col Temple
to do the forward. He is a dear & he & I are
very great friends but he isn't an educationalist

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I would carry no weight — I gave

Mrs W. 2 suggestions whose names she
has sent you — I could give others
from scholarly work

Love

W.

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Dear Sir Richard

Your daughter Helen encourages
me to write and if you will honour Charlotte Davis
last book "An Essay Towards a Philosophy of Education" by
writing a short forward to the ^{reprint} third edition which they
have decided to issue.

The Book Sub. Committee of the ^{C.E.F.} ~~Education~~ Council

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 of the book would do much to help ~~the~~ ~~Parents & Teachers~~
~~in their responsible task of presenting education to the~~ ~~young~~
~~people of today.~~ ^{promote} ~~promote~~ the work which Charlotte Mason has
 at heart & in which Miss Helen Drummond ^{playing} ~~now~~ ~~playing~~ ~~such~~
 an important part.

17.5.53

andOther Cottage
Henfield Sussex

Dearest Miss Kitching,

I am very glad to hear that you are asking Mr Richard L. - I think he is quite the best person, if he will do it -

I agree that more recent extracts about The Essay is a good idea - to print on the pocket too is a sensible suggestion. A number of people buy a book after reading such extracts from the paper jacket!

We had a good but dull flight to London - but alas! Mrs Franklin was welcomed by the news that she has definitely got to leave her house to destruction in September. I am so sorry for her; just think what such a move would be to a middle-aged woman - even with a husband & daughters to help - It is good to be home again & the ~~garden~~ garden is crying out for love &

attention & I don't know how to refuse it!
 I gardened all day yesterday (9-5-30)
 with short pauses for food & 2 tiny
 walks with (for) the dog -

Much love from Helen.

I imagine you don't want the typed
 sheets of extracts to be returned?



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Miss G. Kitching,
Low Nook,
Ambleside,
Westmoreland.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Many thanks for your letter
concerning the cover for the Essay.

Yes, I think it would be
a good idea to introduce some quotes
on your book and suggest you forward
to me a typed sheet to your own selection
to take up the back flap of the cover:
with your revised front flap write-up.

Perhaps you would also
kindly indicate the matter for the back
cover of the wrapper.

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me further in a day or two after you
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Miss E. Kitching,
Low Nook,
Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thank you for your letter of May 4th.
By all means send along the press cuttings, and
we will select the material for the jacket.

I agree that a new foreword would be
a help, though I am sorry that I cannot possibly
undertake it myself. Could you find someone
who is taking a leading part in the current
dicussions about the theory of education?

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Bogan

EFB/RAA

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18, RAWLINSON ROAD,

OXFORD.

Dear Miss Kitching

I should have liked
to do what you asked but
I have a number of lectures
etc. (including a preface
to a new edition of one
of my books) to which
I must give precedence.

If you only want a
brief preface (100 - 200 words)

I will try to send you
something later but I
am very behind hand with



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18th May, 1953.

Miss E. Kitching,
Low Nook,
Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

An Essay towards a Philosophy of Education

I have had extracts made from the reviews for printing on the back of the jacket, and I return the reprints of the reviews from the Parents' Reviews. I also enclose a copy of the extracts. The jacket will, of course, be re-set, and I propose on the front at the bottom to put the tribute by Dr. M.L. Jacks, and at the bottom of the front flap to put Sir Cyril Norwood's message. I also send you a typescript of the paragraph which will now appear on the front flap.

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Low Nook,
Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

An Essay Towards a Philosophy of Education

I will wait now until you send me Sir Richard Livingstone's note, and then have proofs prepared of all the tributes you sent me for your approval. I do not need to explain, of course, that we cannot proceed with the production until this is settled.

Meanwhile, I understand that Mr. Hoppé has written to you about the jacket.

Yours sincerely,

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Low Nook,
Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thank you for your letter. We will include the four quotations you sent from the Journal of Education, The Statesman, Calcutta, The Times of India, and The Scotsman; but we shall have to put some of the reviews on the back flap of the wrapper as there are too many for the back only. I return the extracts with the four added, also a re-type of the front of the wrapper, and the front flap.

Yours sincerely,

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June 10th, 1953.

Dear Sir Richard,

I must apologise for the long delay in answering your most kind and generous letter, but Whitsuntide and the Coronation have made regular correspondence impossible, and I have had the various members of my Sub-committee to consult individually. Both they and the publisher are greatly pleased that Miss Mason's book should have the honour of a Foreword from you. Of course the publisher wants to know when it will come, but I have told him it is impossible at present as you are engaged on more important work, and once the Foreword comes the edition will go through very quickly, as no proof correcting will be necessary; new type will only be necessary for review notices on the cover, and the Foreword on a sheet by itself.

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